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all I'm asking of you, just keep that in mind. When you vote to override this veto, keep your employees in mind. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Landis, on the motion to override LB 956.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't remember the...under the Accountability and Disclosure Law how far I need to acknowledge that my brother Frank, serving on the Public Service Commission, may fall into that ambit where I have to declare a conflict of interest when I choose to vote, and I will be voting because I'm going to vote in favor of LB 956 and in favor of the override. It is a...it's a ritual at this point that Governors veto and we override. It's an unfortunate ritual because it sends the message in a divided way that these are fair numbers and reasonable wages for a great deal of valuable public service. And, unfortunately, Senator Kristensen is right. In the end it's the Legislature who winds up stepping up and doing the appropriate thing of giving a salary someplace within the realm of reasonableness for the difficult services that we require of many people of lengthy hours and of very skilled judgment, and for that reason I support the override veto.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Kristensen, you are recognized to close.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would hope that you would all listen to Senator Crosby in one of her last speeches. You shouldn't do what she says (laughter), but you ought to listen because that's a speech that we're going to use next year. Because those contracts are up for negotiations and we're going to do a salary study and a classification study that Senator Coordsen and the Executive Board has already commissioned that we're going to be doing this summer. It's an appropriate thing to talk about people who make government work, but it's also appropriate for us to take and do the right thing about the people who put their names on the line, who make the policy decisions, who take the options that are given to them by their staff and employees, and actually have to stand up in public and say, this is the way I feel, and be accountable for what they do do. Every one of you are going